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WASHINGTON, OCT. 20 (AP)-SEN. STEPHEN M. YOUNG, D-OHIO, SAYS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN VIET NAM TOLD HIM THE CIA COMMITTED ATROCITIES THERE TO DISCREDIT THE VIET CONG. BOTH THE CIA AND REP. CORNELIUS E. GALLAGHER, D-N.J., SAID IT ISN'T SO.
GALLAGHER SAID "IT MAY WELL BE THAT HE (YOUNG) SPOKE TO A VIET CONG DISGUISED AS A CIA MAN."
YOUNG, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM VIET NAM, SAID HE WAS TOLD THAT THE CIA DISGUISED SOME PEOPLE AS VIET CONG AND THEY COMMITTED ATROCITIES, INCLUDING KILLING SOME MEN AND RAPING SOME WOMEN. HE DID NOT NAME THE AGENT HE SAID TOLD HIM THOSE THINGS.
A CIA SPOKESMAN, ASKED FOR COMMENT, SAID THAT "AS FAR AS OUR AGENTS HAVING DONE SUCH THINGS, THE STATEMENT IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE."
GALLAGHER SAID YOUNG'S STATEMENT "IS APPALLING, AND IT REFLECTS A CARELESSNESS WITH FACTS."
GALLAGHER IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND SAID THAT LIKE YOUNG, HE WAS BRIEFED WHEN HE WAS IN SAIGON ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO.
"IT IS OBVIOUS," GALLAGHER SAID IN A STATEMENT, "THAT HE (YOUNG) MISUNDERSTOOD THE ESSENCE OF THE BRIEFING OR FAILED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TERMS OF IDENTIFICATION OF THE OPPOSING FORCES IN VIET NAM . . . . NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY CONCEIVE SUCH AN EXERCISE AS SEN. YOUNG DESCRIBES."
YOUNG, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID HE WILL ASK THAT GROUP TO INVESTIGATE CIA ACTIVITIES. HE SAID HE WANTS THE ACTIVITIES CURTAILED.
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